(c) the amount sanctioned during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 for the said purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 70.00 lakh has been released so far for completing the repair of flood damages of National Highways which occurred during the previous year. However, no estimate for flood damage repairs of National Highways for the year 2001-2002 has been received so far from the Government of Karnataka.

(c) Estimates amounting to Rs. 312.67 lakh and Rs. 270.00 lakh were sanctioned for flood damage repair works for National Highways in Karnataka during the year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 respectively.

Golden Quadrilateral Project

2095. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Golden Quadrilateral Project has abandoned the use of Expressways and now it is focussing on four laning of highways only; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) The Golden Quadrilateral Project was envisaged as a 4/6-lane facility and not as Expressway facility. Hence, there has been no change in the Project.

Network of Roads

†2096. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a network of roads is being constructed throughout the country under 'Pradhan Mantri Sadak Yojana';

(b) if so, the length of roads in kilometres proposed to be built in

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Maharashtra in urban and rural areas, separately; and

(c) the areas where these roads are being constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (c) Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. The Government has undertaken 4/6 laning in 13252 km. under NHDP consisting of Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) connecting the four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata having a length of 5952 km. as well as North-South and East-West (NS/EW) corridors connecting Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir with Kanyakumari and Silchar with Porbandar having a length of 7300 km. As regards Maharashtra, a length of 720 km. of National Highways is proposed under NHDP. Further, Ministry of Rural Development has undertaken 33.65 km. length of new construction and 580.31 km. for upgradation of Rural roads under 'Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana'.

Kollam Bye-pass work on NH-47

2097. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of the Kollam Bye-pass work on National Highway-47;

(b) whether there is any plan to complete the work within a stipulated time;

(c) if so, by when;

(d) whether any proposal is pending to complete the 3rd and 4th phase of the work on BOT basis; and

(e) if so, the details thereof; and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (e) The construction work of Kollam by-pass (about 13.141 Km. of length) is proposed to be taken up in 4 Phases. The work of Phase-I with a length of 3.266 Km. has been completed.